

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

When registering a document, notify a document registrant of related information of one or more documents similar in content thereto. In addition, upon registration of the document, if a folder is designated as a registration destination thereof then notify the document registrant of relevant information of any available similar documents which reside within the registration destination folder. This permits users to effortlessly recognize and grasp useful relevant information through information publication. This in turn makes it possible to provide users with motivation for progressive or "positive" participation in common sharing of information and knowledge.